

A word of encouragement comes from Texas. The governor of that state started life as an hostler at \$9 a month.

The Rev. Phoebe A. Hanford, of Jersey City, the author of a very excellent life of Lincoln, is dangerously ill of blood-poison, taken while gathering sunae leaves for church decoration.

It is said that during the period of five months ending in September there were 44,744 cases of cholera reported in Japan, and 25,757 deaths. As late as Oct. 1, 224 cases were reported at Yokohama, and 121 of these fatal.

The pretty Philadelphia girls resolved to kiss no young men who smoked cigarettes. The young men do not seem to take this to heart very much, as the demand for cigarettes has increased since the resolution was passed.

Mr. W. H. Harbut, of the New York World, has greatly offended some of the ladies of New York. He gave an elaborate dinner to Mrs. Langtry, invited many prominent statesmen and lawyers, but no ladies were asked to dine.

Roger A. Pryor is still wild and reckless. When asked to attend a dinner party in Boston in honor of the election of General Butler, he turned up his nose and contemptuously declined. The only man who ever brought Pryor to bay is John F. Potter, of this state.

Thanksgiving was celebrated at Cincinnati by a tragedy in a theater. The William Tell feat was being performed, and when Frank Frayne attempted to shoot the apple off the head of Miss Annie Van Behren, the ball struck her in the head, and in fifteen minutes she was dead.

Some one asked the question a short time ago, "who shall step into Senator David Davis' shoes?" No one was able to answer, but Bob Burdette ventured to remark that "the next senator may step into David's shoes, but by the great American desert, he'd better keep out of the old man's trousers, if he wants to be found in time to draw any pay."

There is a probability that Mr. J. Bates, of this city, will be assistant clerk of the senate the coming session of the legislature. Senator Lord favors the appointment and Mr. Bates who will be re-elected chief clerk, says he will be glad to have so able an assistant as Mr. Bates. He will fill the responsible office well—first rate—and his election for the position may be regarded as one of the events which will certainly take place.

A recent bulletin from the census office shows that the number of lunatics and idiots in this country has doubled in ten years. The opinion is expressed at Washington that while a large part of this apparent increase may be accounted for by the deficiencies of the census of 1870, the proportion of feeble-minded and insane is nevertheless increasing from year to year. "It may be readily believed, for such would be the natural result of the incessant worry and haste of our American life, our false educational methods and the prevailing carelessness with respect to the natural functions of body as well as mind."

There will be an attempt made this winter to get a civil service bill through congress. Prominent republicans are unanimous in the opinion that something should be done in the direction of reforming and making more stable that important branch of governmental service. But the question is a very difficult one to handle. There are hardly two members of congress who agree upon a civil service plan. All agree that something should be done, but how to do it is the question that troubles congress. The president is equally anxious that a civil service bill shall pass, because he is thoroughly in sympathy with the movement for a practical reform in that direction. When President Arthur accepted the nomination for the vice presidency, he discussed somewhat the civil service question, and said that the same careful management should be applied to private business should be applied to the business of the government, and then gave four leading features of the system of civil service which he would like to see adopted:

1. Original appointments should be based on ascertained fitness.
 2. The tenure of office should be stable.
 3. Positions of responsibility should, so far as possible, be filled by the promotion of worthy and efficient officers.
 4. The investigation of all complaints and the punishment of all official misconduct should be prompt and thorough.
- But the president's ideas of civil service have advanced—if that is the proper word—since he wrote his letter of acceptance, and now he wants something more radical than ever—something after the English system—but which would never be tolerated in a vigorous young country like this, where the prevailing opinion is that once in a while there should be a change in office. In his annual message the president says he is in favor of a civil service system as follows:
1. A tenure of office which is substantially a life tenure.
 2. A limitation of the maximum age at which an applicant can enter the service, whereby all men in middle life or older age, with some exceptions, rigidly excepted.
 3. A retiring allowance upon going out of office.

Of course this plan would not do in this country, and it certainly never could be adopted. But we may expect some measure put through congress which will probably do much to reform the civil service. The republicans should take the lead in this movement, and before this congress shall end and the republicans go out of power in the house, a practical civil service reform measure should be given to the country.

By Telegraph.

A FATAL SHOT.

Tragic Ending of a Matinee Performance at a Cincinnati Theater.

One of the Company Shot Dead on the Stage by Frank Frayne, the Star.

The Victim the Betrothed of the Unfortunate Principal in the Terrible Affair.

A Charge of Manslaughter Entered and the Prisoner Admitted to Bail.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1.—Everybody having a holiday yesterday, the theaters were all well patronized. This was especially the case at the Coliseum, the house being literally packed at the matinee performance. The play was "Si Slocum," presented by Frank Frayne and his company. In the fourth act it becomes necessary for Ruth Slocum, the part taken by Miss Van Behren, to save her husband's life, by allowing Si Slocum, her husband, to shoot at an apple from her head. When the play reached this point to-day, there was a breathless silence in the theater. Not a sound was to be heard. Every eye was fastened upon the stage, where a pretty young actress stood motionless with her arms raised, holding a thirty foot distant Frayne was pointing his polished rifle backward over his shoulder. Every ear was strained to catch the report. Frayne was unusually deliberate. For a full minute he stood adjusting the weapon and studying the sight. At last, after what had seemed hours to the expectant observers, he pulled the trigger. Instead of the sharp, clear report that the rifle should have made, there came a muffled explosion, like a shot heard from afar, and a little puff of smoke came from both the breach and the muzzle of the weapon. Ruth stood for a second and then fell backward on the stage. Frayne looked around in a dazed way, glanced at his shirt, singed with powder, then, seeing Miss Van Behren fall, he rushed across the stage, crying: "My God! what have I done?" and dropped down beside her. That was all that the audience saw, for just as they realized that something out of the ordinary course of affairs had happened the curtain came rolling down, shutting the scene from their eyes. Manager Fennedy appeared before the curtain and announced that an accident had occurred, how serious he did not know, but it would be impossible to continue the performance. He would accordingly dismiss the audience. While behind the stage the greatest confusion reigned. Miss Van Behren was lying lifeless on the boards, her forehead splashed with blood, while a crimson flood poured from her nostrils and Mr. Frayne lay in a faint above her. A bath of water was brought, some sponges were used to wipe the face of the actress, while others bathed the star's head until consciousness was restored. Presently Dr. L. A. Quinn arrived, and, making an examination, he found that the ball, having entered the actress at a point about two inches above the left ear, had cut the brain, and that the line, or just at the hair line. Although she was insensible, not a muscle quivering or a pulse beating, he said that she was still alive, and that she would probably recover. Frayne meanwhile appeared almost frantic with grief. He wrung his hands and moaned, and crying out like a child and then breaking into sobs, Sergeant Benninger, of the Bremen street district, was in the audience. He immediately went behind the stage and announced that it was his duty to take Mr. Frayne into custody. When he had in some measure been quieted, his friends took him to his dressing room, and he exchanged the stage costume for his ordinary street dress. While this operation was going on he explained as best he could for crying, how the terrible affair happened.

The weapon is a Stevens rifle, 35 caliber, break-loading, and was made six years ago, especially for Mr. Frayne. He always loads and fires for himself, and just before going on the scene he had fired a shot through an apple on the head of a member of the company, hit a target behind the apple, discharging another gun, the bullet of which broke the actress's finger over him. In order to make the backward shot, he was facing the trigger is fastened to the stock, and he signs by means of this. Just at the critical moment, when the weapon was discharged, the pin, or spring, which held the barrel in place, snapped, allowing the long shot to drop, throwing the bullet up and the muzzle directed at the actress's forehead. The bullet from its proper course, and instead of hitting the apple it went lower and buried itself in the brain of the actress. While it appears to be an exceedingly difficult feat, it is in reality one that almost any ordinary marksman could perform, as the apple is placed on the lady's head, which is raised four inches above her head, thus allowing the ball to go quite a little out of the way without doing serious harm. Beneath the hat which the actress wears, there is a small tin, for additional protection, in a small tin plate placed at an angle so as to throw the ball upward were it by any mischance to go to the actress's head, and it was this tin which was afterwards picked up on the floor of the theater, full twenty feet from the stage.

When Mr. Frayne was at last released, accompanied by his friends, he left his dressing room to go to the station with the sergeant. It was necessary to cover the stage upon which still lay the body of Miss Van Behren. At the sight of his fortune gave way again and he burst into passionate sobs. When he was finally quieted, the party proceeded to the Bremen street station. Here Mr. Frayne, under control of himself, and cried and moaned like a child. There were some delay in registering, for by means of the telephone with Police Court Judge Higley, Judge Higley instructed the officers to make the charge manslaughter. Mr. Frayne gave his name as Frank Frayne, and a Rebo Dell, Chatham, N. J. While the officers were inquiring of the judge what was to be done with him, he kept saying: "Do anything with me; make it as bad as possible. I have committed murder, and I want the law to take its course. A few of his professional friends, among them Mr. Oliver W. Smith, gathered around to administer what comfort in their power. He sat in his chair until about 6 o'clock, scarcely moving, and apparently perfectly dejected. At that hour

as was reported on 72,000 cones given by Mr. Hubert Heuck. After the affair, the crowd cooled a reporter entered the theater. Entering the stage from the right wing, a great pool of blood lay upon the boards. Just above it was a thick wooden shield designed to catch the bullets. Crossing the stage, which had its seats still set, the reporter entered Miss Van Behren's dressing room, whether the lady had been carried a few moments after her death. As the actress lay there cold in death, in spite of blood which

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